

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-42. (canceled)

Claim 43. (previously presented) A reproducing method of contents data, comprising the steps of:

checking a security for an electronic use right when compressed and/or encrypted contents data is reproduced;

stopping reproduction of said contents data when said electronic use right is invalid as a result of said step of checking a security; and

performing a reproducing process of said contents data and consuming said electronic use right when said electronic use right is valid as a result of said step of checking a security.

Claim 44. (previously presented) The reproducing method of contents data according to claim 43, wherein when said electronic use right is valid as a result of said step of checking a security, whether said electronic use right of an amount necessary for the reproducing process of said contents data remains is discriminated, and when said electronic use right of the amount necessary for the reproducing process of said contents data does not remain, the reproducing process of said contents data is not executed.

Claim 45. (previously presented) The reproducing method of contents data according to claim 43, wherein when it is determined that said electronic use right of the amount necessary for the reproducing process of said contents data remains, the reproducing process of said contents data is executed and said electronic use right is consumed.

Claim 46. (previously presented) The reproducing method of contents data according to claim 45, wherein the consumption of said electronic use right is performed based on a charge condition in subordinate data associated with said contents data.

Claim 47. (previously presented) The reproducing method of contents data according to claim 43, wherein said electronic use right includes data regarding header and at least valid start year/month/day, data indicative of a kind of encryption, data regarding the electronic use right, and an error correction code.

Claim 48. (previously presented) The reproducing method of contents data according to claim 43, wherein when it is determined that said electronic use right is invalid as a result of said step of checking a security, a management

organization for managing said electronic use right is notified of such a fact.

Claim 49. (previously presented) A reproducing method of contents data, comprising the steps of:

checking a security for an electronic use right that is used in a charging process that is executed when compressed and/or encrypted contents data is reproduced;

stopping reproduction of said contents data when said electronic use right is invalid as a result of said step of checking a security; and

performing reproducing process of said contents data and the charging process based on said electronic use right when said electronic use right is valid as a result of said step of checking a security.

Claim 50. (previously presented) The reproducing method of contents data according to claim 49, wherein when said electronic use right is valid as a result of said step of checking a security, whether said electronic use right of an amount necessary for the reproducing process of said contents data remains is discriminated, and when said electronic use right of the amount necessary for the reproducing process of said contents data does not remain, the reproducing process of said contents data is not executed.

Claim 51. (previously presented) The reproducing method of contents data according to claim 49, wherein when it is determined that said electronic use right of the amount necessary for the reproducing process of said contents data remains, the reproducing process of said contents data is executed and the charging process is executed based on said electronic use right.

Claim 52. (previously presented) The reproducing method of contents data according to claim 49, wherein the charging process based on said electronic use right is executed based on a charge condition in subordinate data associated with said contents data.

Claim 53. (previously presented) The reproducing method of contents data according to claim 49, wherein said electronic use right includes data regarding a header and at least valid start year/month/day, data indicative of a kind of encryption, data regarding the electronic use right, and an error correction code.

Claim 54. (previously presented) The reproducing method of contents data according to claim 49, wherein when it is determined as a result of said step of checking a security

that said electronic use right is invalid, a management organization for managing said electronic use right is notified of such a fact.

Claim 55. (previously presented) The reproducing method of contents data according to claim 49, wherein when said electronic use right is restored, a previous electronic use right is replaced with a new electronic use right.

Claim 56. (previously presented) The reproducing method of contents data according to claim 43, wherein when said electronic use right is restored, data regarding a reproduction history of the contents data reproduced when said electronic use right is restored is transmitted to a management organization for managing said electronic use right.

Claim 57. (previously presented) A reproduction control method comprising the steps of:

storing an electronic use right purchased from a management organization into a memory in a player;

checking a security for said electronic use right that is said used in a charging process which is executed when compressed and/or encrypted contents data is reproduced by the player;

stopping reproduction of said contents data when said electronic use right is invalid as a result of said step of checking a security; and

performing a reproducing process of said contents data and executing the charging process based on said electronic use right when said electronic use right is valid as a result of said step of checking a security.

Claim 58. (previously presented) The reproduction control method according to claim 57, wherein when said electronic use right is restored, a previous electronic use right is replaced with a electronic use right.

Claim 59. (previously presented) The reproduction control method according to claim 57, wherein when said electronic use right is restored, data regarding a reproduction history of the reproduced contents data is transmitted to said management organization for managing said electronic use right.

Claim 60. (previously presented) The reproduction control method according to claim 59, wherein when said reproduction history exceeds a predetermined permission amount, said management organization to inhibits the reproduction of the contents data by said player.

Claim 61. (previously presented) The reproduction control method according to claim 60, wherein said management organization further collects the electronic use rights stored in a memory of said player.